Questionnaire for
E-Gov Presidential Initiative or Line of Business Standards Selection Process

Background:

Each E-Gov Presidential Initiative and Line of Business (LOB) requires the use of standards for deployment of innovative, web-based information technology (IT) services. Standards are required to ensure the necessary interoperability and security between government agencies, businesses, and citizens. Such standards are generally private sector, consensus-based standards. In cases where no suitable private sector standards are available, USG may develop and adopt government unique standards.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has recognized the need to identify and validate appropriate and effective standards for E-Gov applications to ensure that the most effective standards are used in E-Gov applications and has assigned this responsibility to NIST. The lack of uniform, effective standards can lead to problems in internet accessibility, data compatibility, as well as national security and personal privacy concerns. NIST has established this E-Gov validation process to address such concerns and to assist federal agencies in the selection of appropriate E-Gov standards.

Instructions:

Please complete the questionnaire in its entirety and forward to:

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1. Title of E-Gov Initiative or Line of Business:
Grants.gov

2. Initiative / LOB website:
Grants.gov

3. Name and contact information for responsible Project Manager:
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4. Name and contact information for questions regarding standards used in this
initiative/LOB (if different from above):
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5. Describe the process that was undertaken to choose and/or develop the standards
required to implement the objectives of the Initiative or LOB:

Grants.gov established as a governmental resource as part of the President's 2002 Fiscal
Year Management Agenda to improve government services to the public.

Concept originates in the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of
1999 (Public Law 106-107) enacted in November of 1999.

6. When determining standards needs were consensus standards given first
consideration? If not, why?

Consensus standards were given first consideration.

7. Describe the process used to ensure that input from all appropriate stakeholders, public
and private, was considered? We got input from the various PL 106-107 work groups,
the numerous interagency government-wide grant forms work groups and numerous
applicant organizations to start our site. We currently have a Grantor User Group, do
ongoing outreach activities to all the various applicant communities and have an
applicant suggestion/enhancement form on our site.

8. Please list participating federal agencies involved in selecting or developing and
implementing standards for the initiative/LOB:
 CNCS
 DHS
 DOC
 DoD
 DOE
 DOI
 DOJ
 DOL

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DOT
ED
EPA
NIH
HHS
HUD
IMLS
NARA
NASA
NEA
NEH
NSF
SBA
State
SSA
Treasury
USAID
USDA
VA

9. Please list participating state or local governments agencies involved in developing and implementing standards for the initiative/LOB: N/A

10. Please list participating private sector organizations involved in developing and implementing standards for the initiative/LOB: N/A

11. Please list participating voluntary consensus standards bodies involved in developing and implementing standards for the initiative/LOB:

Best commercial practices were implemented while ensuring 508 compliance.

12. Please provide a list of standards relevant to the development and implementation of the initiative/LOB.

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